



AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Executive

MEETING: Town Council 9/13/2022

SUBJECT: Ocean Blvd Sidewalk

BACKGROUND:

The NC General Assembly included funding in their budget for a sidewalk on Ocean Blvd. Town staff is tasked for managing all the logistics of this project (i.e. budget, engineering and construction). Per Town Council request staff held two public workshops that saw over 30 participants from the community. Written comments are summarized below. Staff did not give categories for the citizens but six categories were identified after talking to and reading citizen concerns. * Additional comments that may not have fit into a specific category are listed below the 6 categories.

1. NEED FOR THE SIDEWALK: 10 thought a sidewalk was essential on the street.
2. SAFTEY:
 - a. 3 thought it would enhance safety
 - b. 9 thought it would enhance safety and the speed limit should be reduced to 25 mph.
3. NORTH OR SOUTH
 - a. 2: either side
 - b. 23 wanted on the south side or were just adamant that it not be on the north side. The South side connects in with the LPB crosswalk.
 - c. 1 preferred the north side
4. MATERIAL 5 people commented that they prefer concrete. Concrete holds up better and has less maintenance
5. ROW Obstructions: 6 people wanted to be notified prior to landscaping or irrigation being impacted in the ROW are in front of their home.

6. MU Path vs Sidewalk
 - a. 2 wanted a 5' sidewalk
 - b. 2 wanted a multi-use path

Additional comments *

How will the ROW be maintained after installation?

STAFF RESPONSE: Under current code the property owner is responsible for maintenance up to the edge of the street. However, if the Town put in a MU Path and installed landscaping (similar to Cape Fear Blvd) the Town would maintain that section of ROW.

How will parking be regulated (i.e. no parking signs, resident only, no regulations)?

STAFF RESPONSE: Currently undesignated ROW can be utilized for parking. Additional recommendations on these areas are coming back to Town Council via the recent parking committee recommendations.

How will stormwater be managed?

STAFF RESPONSE: Stormwater will be incorporated into the engineered plan for the sidewalk.

Can pervious material be used?

STAFF RESPONSE: Due to the maintenance requirements of pervious pavement it will not be utilized, however stormwater will be accommodated in the engineered plans.

Please don't add additional parking on Croaker when this sidewalk is added

STAFF RESPONSE: This project does not include any ROW improvements on Croaker.

How far will the sidewalk be from the property line? The sidewalk placement should continue to accommodate enough room for on-street parking but also make sure to keep the sidewalk as close to the road as possible.

STAFF RESPONSE: The sidewalks must meet DOT requirements for separation from the road. A minimum of 8' and preferably 9' would need to be included to accommodate parallel parking.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff is continuing to work with the engineer on design plans

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

To help with expediting the design and other project logistics, staff requests a motion from Town Council to: **move forward with placement of the sidewalk on the south side of Ocean Blvd. that is 6' wide.**